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To 1288 officers and non-commissioned officers wounded.

,, 4799 privates wounded.

In May, 1836, the annuities amounted to about £8,700, and were payable to about 700 persons, aged from 37 to 79 years. The surviving members of the Committee are desirous of transferring the accounts of the trust to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and a Bill is now before Parliament for that purpose.

PROCEEDINGS OF STATISTICAL SOCIETIES.

STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

The last Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the present Session was held on Monday, June 18th, and was very numerously attended. The Earl FITZWILLIAM, President, in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were balloted for, and were elected Fellows of the Society:—

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Durham; Samson Ricardo, Esq., Upper Eccleston-street, Belgrave-square; Charles Wykeham Martin, Esq., of Leeds Castle, Kent; George Lillie Craik, Esq., Brompton.

Letters were read from Baron de Humboldt and Dr. Julius, of Ham-burgh, acknowledging the receipt of their Diplomas appointing them Foreign Members of the Society.

The first paper read was "On the Sickness and Mortality among the Troops in the West Indies," by Capt. A. M. Tulloch (see page 129).

A paper was then read "On the rate of Mortality amongst Officers retired from the East Indian Army," by Robert Christie, Esq., which will appear in a future number of the Journal.

The following twelve Gentlemen were proposed as Candidates for admission into the Society:—

Lord James Stuart, M.P.; Sir Joseph de Courcy Laffan, Bart.; Lieut.-General William Thornton; The Rev. Dr. Dillon; The Rev. T. Ormerod; Robert George Cecil Fane, Esq.; Hugh Wood, Esq.; Alexander Robertson, Esq.; William Trail, Esq.; John Cameron, Esq.; Samuel G. Hall, Esq.; Thomas Bartrum, Esq.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC SOCIETY.

In noticing in our last Number the formation of the Geological and Polytechnic Society of the West Riding of Yorkshire, we took occasion to advert to the advantages which it will possess for collecting Statistics of the district in which it is established. We now take the opportunity of pointing out what has been done by a kindred Society—the Royal Polytechnic Society of Cornwall—and of recommending to the Members of the former the adoption of a similar course.

Extract from the Annual Report of the ROYAL CORNWALL POLYTECHNIC SOCIETY for the year 1837.

"Prizes will in future be given, as resolved during the past year, to statistical essays—a point to which attention has been specially directed by your President, Sir Charles Lemon, who has offered a premium on

the same subject*. Such a measure may be confidently left to stand on its own merits. If 'the proper study of mankind be man,' the value of statistical information can no longer be doubted. It stimulates the benevolence, and gives aim and effect to the energies, of the philanthropist; it furnishes the legislator with materials on which to found remedial measures for social derangement, and plans for increasing the mass of social happiness; and though its conclusions often consist in a bare numerical statement of aggregate results, yet they come home with all the authority of stubborn facts, and often tell more than the most elaborate moral appeal. From information thus furnished, it cannot be questioned that the public attention has been fastened, with an intensity never before given to the subject, upon the physical and moral degradation of the poorer classes in the metropolis and many of our large towns. The appeal thus made has been nobly responded to; the dry facts have been interpreted; and means have been adopted for carrying the blessings of education, order, and virtue into those dark recesses where ignorance, vice, and misrule appeared to have fortified themselves in impenetrable obscurity. It shall be no unworthy object of your Society to take a part, however humble, in furthering investigations which help to solve problems of deep social and economical importance; which instruct and interest us in the physical and moral condition of our fellow-men; which point out the fulcrum on which to rest the lever in our endeavours to remove the mass of sin and misery which depresses so large a portion of our species; and which thus enable us to associate more immediately scientific and intellectual pursuits with works of benevolence and the rich luxury of doing good."

RECENT STATISTICAL PUBLICATIONS.

Statistical Tables, exhibiting the Condition and Products of certain Branches of Industry in Massachusetts. By the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Boston, 1838.

The Legislature of Massachusetts has just published a Summary of Official Returns, exhibiting the extent and value of all the principal branches of industry within the State. In April, 1837, an Act was passed directing the assessors of each town in the Commonwealth to collect the required information, or to employ some other suitable person for that purpose; and enacting that the parties thus employed should receive $1\frac{1}{2}$ dollar per day from the public Treasury.

The following abstract of the cotton manufacture will serve as a specimen of the information contained in the volume:—

Number of cotton-mills	282
" " spindles	565,031
Quantities of cotton consumed in year ending 5th April, 1837	lbs. 37,275,917
" " cotton goods manufactured	ditto yds. 126,319,221
Value of ditto	ditto dollars 13,056,659
Number of males employed	4,997
" " females	14,757
Capital invested in cotton-mills	dollars 14,369,719

Histoire Statistique et Morale des Enfants Trouvés. Par J. F. Terme, et J. B. Monfalcon. Paris, 1837.

* A Premium of Ten Pounds by Sir C. Lemon, Bart., M.P., F.R.S., &c., Vice President of the Statistical Society of London, for the best Essay on the Statistics of the County of Cornwall.